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the
Uplake Update

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Editor:

Board's Bulletin



Looks like we have escaped any major weather problems this winter. While the adults are happy, the kids missed out on any real snow this year.

We give a big thank you to the Raders for all their work putting on our third annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party. This event is enjoyed by many Uplake residents who also bring friends with them. We raised an amazing \$723 this year for our donation to Hopelink.

Our attention now turns to the Annual Meeting/Family Potluck set for March 23rd at 4:00 PM at Aqua Club. It is a great time to share your favorite recipe! At this meeting we elect board members and officers. Give me a call if you are interested in helping out the neighborhood by serving on the board.

Another welcome to this year's new homeowners, the Estrada, Miecznikowski/Su, Kelly, Heine, Cuc, and Mokhnach families, and hope to see you at the March potluck where can introduce you to the rest of the neighbors.

As the days grow longer and we are outside tending our yards, be sure to greet the new families who have moved onto your street in the past year.

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Annual Meeting/Family Potluck

Set aside **Sunday, March 23rd** for the UNA Annual Meeting/Family Potluck. We gather about 4PM to share each other's favorite salads, main dishes, and desserts. A very short (10 minute) business meeting to elect board members and officers follows. We hope to again have some vendors on site to show off their home improvement products. Contact **Carrie O'Keefe** at **206-898-6224** or schadee@msn.com if you can help with setup, decorations and cleanup.

Holiday Wine Tasting Party

A big thank you to **Jon and Becca Rader** for organizing our annual holiday event. They do an amazing amount of work, getting the wine and treats, and the rental of glasses. They also provided the tree and candles. The Aqua Club was decorated festively and lit softly as we sipped six different kinds of wines. The crowd donated an amazing \$723 to Hopelink, more than double last year's total. Thanks also to board members, **Carrie O'Keefe, MaryBeth Anthony, and Linda Ottmar** who set up and decorated the Aqua Club.

City of Kenmore Flag

Many businesses fly Kenmore's flag. If you would like your own flag, you can get a 2x4 size one for \$25, a 3x5 for \$35 and small desktop ones for \$1.50 each. Contact Leroy Anenson at 206-305-0258



You Can Be a Board Member!

Did you ever dream of running for office? Did you run in high school and not get elected? Well, you can now run unopposed and win an election without any campaigning! No campaign speeches or signs!

The UNA board meets 9-10 times a year for an hour each time. Help out the neighborhood by volunteering to run for office. Contact any board member or president **Steve Knapp** at 206-200-8089.

Traffic Problems and Pedestrian Safety

The UNA board has expressed concern over the amount and speed of the traffic using Uplake streets. We are also concerned about pedestrian safety especially children as they walk to school buses and to the Aqua Club. A committee has been formed to look into possible trouble spots and solutions.

At the first meeting neighbors expressed concern about the volume of cars using Uplake as a bypass to 61st. Cars are entering the area on NE 190 and exiting via NE 187th, 60th NE, and or the Goat Trail (NE 182/NE178th). Special mention was made of the speed of cars using NE 187th and the intersection with 58th NE/56th NE near the Aqua Club. Another area of concern is the intersection of 60th NE and NE 182nd.

Members of the committee are UNA Board members **Steve Knapp, MaryBeth Anthony, and Linda Ottmar**. Representing the Aqua Club Board is neighbor **Bill Weber**. Neighbor **Rob Nelson** is also a member. Contact any of these individuals with your suggestions.

Members will be in contact with the City of Kenmore and hope to begin with some traffic counts and use the speed device as a first measure. After we get some factual information we will know more about what solutions we can encourage.

Neighbor Honored at UW

University of Washington School of Nursing Assistant Professor **Mary Ann Draye** was recently honored with an award for her contributions to the education of nurse practitioners. For over 40 years she taught students in the nurse practitioner program and worked to advocate for their role in medicine. Mary Ann joined the UW staff in 1973 and recently retired.

Cars, Trucks, and Trailers Parked on the Street

Remember that vehicles parked for more than 24 hours in the same place on the street can be ticketed. Some are parked in a manner that they require walkers to walk out into traffic. If you see such a problem, take down the license number, description and location of the vehicle, and call 911. If it is an immediate danger they will deal with it, but if it is a non-emergency you will get another phone number to call. The police will deal with it as they have time to come and ticket it.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

New neighbors **Justin and Jamee Kelly** purchased a home on 60th NE. They are coming from Ballard, but previously lived in Portland for several years. They have a little girl and are expecting an addition to their family also. Be sure to welcome them to the area.

Viktor and Larisa Mokhnach moved into a home on NE 181st last year. They formerly lived in the Brier area. Their daughter, Nataliya, graduated from Inglemoor High School and knows some of our younger neighbors. They are busy fixing up the interior and have worked on their yard.

Bit of Kenmore History

Now that Kenmore Camera is ready to move into the former grocery store some of us will look back fondly to the old days. The current camera store was once the fire station, which has moved twice since then! Before it became the fire station it was a restaurant years ago. The first grocery store was an IGA followed by QFC and finally Grocery Outlet. Neighbors still tell of seeing the IGA butcher with his white apron flapping, running across the parking lot to respond to the volunteer fire siren.

Kenmore History Book

Newer Uplake residents may not know that our very own **Priscilla Droge** compiled the history of Kenmore and it was published in book form a few years ago. The award winning book, Kenmore by the Lake, is available at Ostrom's or Third Place Books. The book is filled with old descriptions and pictures of Kenmore.

Books will also be for sale at the Annual Meeting/Family Potluck in March.

Holiday Lights

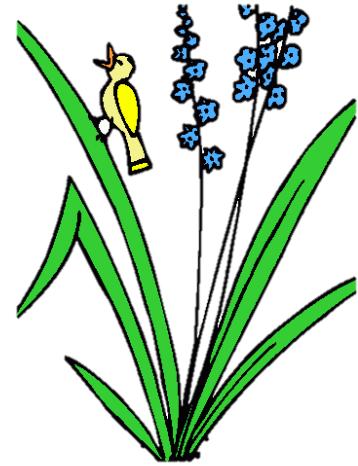
Again many families went the extra mile in holiday decorations. A quick drive through the neighborhood revealed some amazing sights. This year NE 187th had almost 100% of the homes lit up. However, the **Nambo/Maurer** home on NE 182nd was again the definite crowd pleaser.

Sad News

We are saddened to learn of the death of neighbor **Dan Beason**. He drowned January 11th while sailing in Lake Washington. Dan was a great adventurer, young at heart, who loved waterskiing, sailing, and backcountry skiing. He is survived by his wife, Kris, and children, Katy and Andrew.

Entrance Work

Thanks to **Diane Quinn** and **Jan Sholdt** for their work on entrance maintenance. Big thanks to **Don Beaty** and his helpers who volunteered their work to redo our lighting and watering systems at both entrances. It will be especially interesting to watch our newest plantings at the 61st NE entrance mature and fill in over the next year.



The UNA Board noticed that the Uplake sign at the 61st NE entrance is somewhat obscured by the stoplight pole. Consideration was given to moving the sign to one of the side fence panels and having a second sign made. However, we discovered that the previous sign maker is out of business. For now, the sign will remain on the center fence panel.

Do We Have Your Email Address? Are you Being Left Out?

There are 220 homes in the Uplake area. We have email addresses for about 160 of these families. Those residents receive the newsletter, reminders about events, security alerts, and special messages via email. These usually average about 3-4 a month. There have been many, many positive responses to this service, especially when lost pets are found!!

We never share your email address with any other entity and all email is sent out blind copy so no other person sees your email address. If we don't have your email address, please contact Linda Ottmar at nealandlinda.ottmar@frontier.com

Uplake Website

Have you forgotten that we have a beautiful website? Go to **Uplakekenmore.org** to see historic pictures, find archived UNA newsletters, current announcements, UNA bylaws, history of the area and much more. The site was built and maintained by our own talented resident, **Dara Korra'ti**, who welcomes pictures to add to our collection.

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Uplake Neighborhood Association

Family Potluck/Annual Meeting
at
Aqua Club

Sunday, March 23th, 4:00 PM

Bring your favorite Main Dish, Salad, or Dessert
(To Serve 8-10)
And a serving spoon or fork

Socialize with Neighbors

Election of Officers and Board Members

Home Products Vendor Display